

## CLAIMS

1. An apparatus comprising:  
  
An unit to transmit information and to receive information via wireless;  
  
A voice activated control unit to interact with an electronic programming guide (EPG); and  
  
An indicator to indicate an availability of an interactive function in a program corresponding to the EPG.
2. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the voice activated control unit identifies a voice print of a speaker to grant operational access.
3. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the apparatus includes a memory device to store verbal commands prior to transmitting the verbal commands.
4. The apparatus of claim 2, wherein the display changes background colors to indicate the availability of the interactive function in the program corresponding to the EPG.

5. The apparatus of claim 2, wherein the display flashes to indicate the availability of the interactive function in the program corresponding to the EPG.
6. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the apparatus is personal digital assistant.
7. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the apparatus is a web phone.
8. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein indicator is a unit that generates a sound to indicate the availability of the interactive function in the program corresponding to the EPG.
9. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the indicator is a section of the apparatus that illuminates to indicate the availability of the interactive function in the program corresponding to the EPG.
10. A method comprising:  
  
An apparatus transmitting information via wireless in response to voice activation commands, the information interacting with an electronic programming guide (EPG); and

The apparatus indicating an availability of an interactive function in a program corresponding to the EPG.

11. The method of claim 10, further including identifying a voice print of a speaker to grant operational access.
12. The method of claim 10, further including storing verbal commands prior to transmitting the verbal commands.
13. The method of claim 10, wherein the indicating includes is displaying an indicator on a display of the apparatus.
14. The method of claim 13, wherein the indicating includes changing the background colors of the display to indicate the availability of the interactive function in the program corresponding to the EPG.
15. The method of claim 13, wherein the indicating includes the display flashing to indicate the availability of the interactive function in the program corresponding to the EPG.
16. The method of claim 10, wherein the apparatus is personal digital assistant.

17. The method of claim 10, wherein the apparatus is a web phone.
18. The method of claim 10, wherein the indicating includes a unit of the apparatus generating a sound to indicate the availability of the interactive function in the program corresponding to the EPG.
19. The method of claim 10, wherein the indicating includes a section of the apparatus illuminating to indicate the availability of the interactive function in the program corresponding to the EPG.
20. A machine readable medium having stored thereon a set of instructions, which when executed cause a system to perform a method comprising:
- An apparatus transmitting information via wireless in response to voice activation commands, the information interacting with an electronic programming guide (EPG); and
- The apparatus indicating an availability of an interactive function in a program corresponding to the EPG.
21. The machine readable medium of claim 20 further including identifying a voice print of a speaker to grant operational access.

22. The machine readable medium of claim 20 further including storing verbal commands prior to transmitting the verbal commands.
23. The machine readable medium of claim 20, wherein the indicating includes is displaying an indicator on a display of the apparatus.
24. The machine readable medium of claim 23, wherein the indicating includes changing the background colors of the display to indicate the availability of the interactive function in the program corresponding to the EPG.
25. The machine readable medium of claim 23, wherein the indicating includes the display flashing to indicate the availability of the interactive function in the program corresponding to the EPG.
26. The machine readable medium of claim 20, wherein the apparatus is personal digital assistant.
27. The machine readable medium of claim 20, wherein the apparatus is a web phone.

28. The machine readable medium of claim 20, wherein the indicating includes a unit of the apparatus generating a sound to indicate the availability of the interactive function in the program corresponding to the EPG.
29. The machine readable medium of claim 20, wherein the indicating includes a section of the apparatus illuminating to indicate the availability of the interactive function in the program corresponding to the EPG.

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